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Applicant: Hidenari NAKAHAMA et al. Conf.: 2661
Appl. No.: 09/937,599 Group: 1713
Filed: September 28, 2001 Examiner: L. Choi
For: KNEADING STATUS EVALUATION METHODS FOR
RUBBER COMPOSITION AND MANUFACTURING
METHODS FOR RUBBER COMPOSITION

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 21, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 21, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a kneading status evaluation method for rubber composition and a manufacturing method; and